



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

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He Comes with Rescue Speedy

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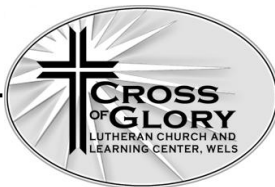
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN.....Hail to the Lord Anointed (CW # 93)

STAND

INVOCATION¹

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

¹ The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)²

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

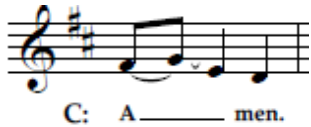


M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.



² *Kyrie* is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.



GLORY BE TO GOD (*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*)³

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

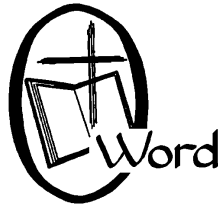
Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

³ We praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

THE WORD OF GOD



SALUTATION⁴

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Job 7:1-7

"Does not man have hard service on earth? Are not his days like those of a hired man?² Like a slave longing for the evening shadows, or a hired man waiting eagerly for his wages,³ so I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have been assigned to me."⁴ When I lie down I think, 'How long before I get up?' The night drags on, and I toss till dawn.⁵ My body is clothed with worms and scabs, my skin is broken and festering."⁶ "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and they come to an end without hope."⁷ Remember, O God, that my life is but a breath; my eyes will never see happiness again.

⁴ This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 103



I will hear what the Lord pro claims: peace to his peo ple.



M: Praise the LORD, 'O my soul; *

C: all my inmost being, praise his 'holy name.

M: He forgives 'all your sins *

C: and heals all your di'seases;

M: he redeems your life 'from the grave *

C: and crowns you with love and com'passion,

Refrain

M: The LORD is compassionate and 'gracious, *

C: slow to anger, aboun'ding in love.

M: He does not treat us as our 'sins deserve *

C: or repay us according to our in'iquities.

M: For as high as the heavens are a'bove the earth, *

C: so great is his love for those who 'fear him;

M: as far as the east is 'from the west, *

C: so far has he removed our transgressions 'from us.

C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning,*

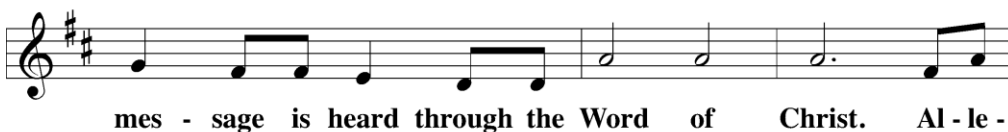
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 8:28-30

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

VERSE OF THE DAY



STAND⁵

GOSPEL

M: The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

⁵ The worshipers stand and speak words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her.³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.³³ The whole town gathered at the door,³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him,³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else-- to the nearby villages-- so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY.....With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh (CW #428)

SERMON ON MARK 1:29-39: "Not 'Why?' but 'How?'"

STAND

NICENE CREED⁶

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

⁶ Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. The Nicene Creed was composed in the 4th century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *(Silent prayer)*

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT



THE PREFACE⁷

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

⁷ These words mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of worship and lift the worshiper's hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -

in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING⁸

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

⁸ Jesus took bread and *gave thanks*. (Matthew 26:26)

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION⁹

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us your peace. Amen.

⁹ As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us Christ's death.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*NUNC DIMITTIS*)¹⁰

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,

All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

¹⁰ The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING¹¹

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN.....Precious Lord, Take My Hand (CW #451)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

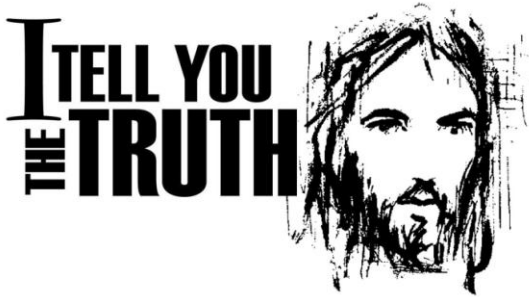
Last Sunday’s Attendance : Worship: 44; Communion: 28.
Offerings to the Lord: General Fund: \$1660 (total for the month of January: \$8325)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday (2/4):	10:00 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
Sunday (2/8):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting

¹¹ The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God’s people for over 3,500 years. The LORD said, “*So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them*” (Numbers 6:27).

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS



Our midweek Lenten evening prayer services will begin on AshWednesday, February 18th. We will again be having soup suppers before worship starting at 5:30. Our evening prayer service will be held at 6:30. Our theme for our services this year is "I Tell You the Truth." Each service will focus on one of Jesus' attention-getting and faith-building statements, highlighted in the Scripture by the words, "I tell you the truth." These services provide an excellent opportunity to focus your heart and mind on what is truly important during the Lenten season.

Feb. 18th - Ash Wednesday - "Anyone who sins is a slave to sin."

Feb. 25th - "Faith can move mountains."

Mar. 4th - "Fruits of faith will be remembered."

Mar. 11th - "One of you will betray me."

Mar. 18th - "You will disown me."

Mar. 25th - "If one dies, it produces life for many."

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST



Our district evangelism co-ordinator, Pastor Jon Scharf of Covington, GA, will be leading an evangelism worship onSaturday, February 21st from 9:30a - 2:30p with lunch being served. All of our members are invited to attend as we focus our attention on outreach possibilities in our community. Pastor Scharf will also be leading a Friendship Evangelism Bible study on Sunday morning and preaching for our worship that day.

COG NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH



We are planning an outing the LSU baseball game on Friday, February 27th. The game is at 7:00 p.m. and the tickets cost \$4 a piece. We are planning on meeting at a designated spot beforehand for a picnic supper. To reserve tickets, please email Pastor Hahm. We have already had a great response, but there is room for a few more.